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Architect helps health board set sights on construction

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

After its inaugural year in operation, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation may be wrestling with a \$75,000 deficit, but it has its sights set on the capital project at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest.

The board's annual general meeting, held on June 26 at Minden's Community Centre, was attended by Millet Salter from Salter and Associates, the Barrie-based architectural firm selected to design both sites.

Salter's firm just finished construction of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, a \$75-million project that was a joint effort with another firm. Salter presented what he called "very preliminary" schematics of the renovations that will accommodate the existing 62 long-term care beds at Hyland Crest, the new emergency department at the site and 30 new long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital.

"A hospital and a long-term

care facility have real benefits in being joined together, but there also has to be a degree of separation. The residents of the long-term care facilities call these facilities home," Salter said.

He added that privacy, support and security both during renovations and after the work is completed would be ensured for the residents at both locations. Also, the two sites would be left as one tender.

"There are two different approaches, two different sites, two different sets of needs but many commonalities of services, functions and components," he said.

The existing Haliburton site has 10 acute-care beds and will be given three more beds. The upgraded facility with 32 long-term care beds will probably be connected with a common entrance but separated, Salter explained.

Visitors' parking for the hospital and for the long-term care facility may be expanded to the rear, but he said soil conditions

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Voting by mail or phone nixed this time around

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It looks like cottagers will have to vote the old-fashioned way this November — by driving up to the Highlands and casting a vote at their municipality's polling station.

While many municipalities had hoped they could make it easier by allowing voting by mail or phone — or even setting up a polling station in Toronto —, it seems there are too many uncertainties to make it feasible

this time around.

"There's no security on these (mail-in) ballots," said Cardiff deputy-reeve Doug Holman at Wednesday's county council meeting. If people received a ballot by mail and decided not to vote, "the possibility exists that people could sell off their ballots and a group could take over a municipality."

What if the ballot is lost in the mail or not delivered on time? Canada Post is responsible for ensuring that ballots are delivered, but people who don't get one will likely complain to their municipal clerks who can do little to resolve the problem.

"We did a lot of research and did not get a lot of satisfactory

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STUBBORN AS A MULE: Eeyore the four-year-old mule wasn't in a hurry to go anywhere very fast, which suited two-year-old Daniel Gardiner just fine. Daniel and his mother Eliza were at Eagle Lake Farms to look at the animals and take a saunter around the barnyard.

Talks begin on amalgamation options

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Municipal clerks have taken out their pencils and erasers to try to figure out the financial repercussions of what would happen if the borders between some municipalities are removed.

County council has asked the clerks to look at the financial impact of three restructuring ideas:

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"We're here to lead our communities and we can't be blinded by what's happening in the rest of the province," Warden Murray Fearrey said to fellow county councillors last month when he proposed that council at least consider the other restructuring options. "You may not want to do it, but as leaders we should look at them."

Up until now, county council has considered and rejected a
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Mural to inspire respect for nature – and prompt artists to beautify the county

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

By painting the large mural on the side of Haliburton Home Hardware, artist Lynn Roberge-Brohm has two messages to share with the people who pass by the corner of Highland and Maple streets.

As humans, we must begin to respect the earth we live on, and that means respecting nature as well as each other.

And as a tourist town which attracts hundreds of artists a year to the School of Fine Arts, Haliburton must start looking the part.

"I'm really connected with nature and the aboriginal format, which is the connection with the earth and what gives us life," she says, almost dwarfed by the mural's large wolf and eagle as she points out some of the painting's symbolism.

Symbolism there is. Each of the animals represents something – for instance, the wolf means loyalty and the turtle is self-containment – but there is also meaning in such things as the colours she's chosen. The four colours of the medicine wheels are the four races, which must learn to stop fighting. The indigo area on the right is the dark times in our own lives, bal-



Lynn Roberge-Brohm hopes other artists will follow suit

anced by the dazzling colours of the sunset on the left. The red fire in the eagle's eyes says the Creator is looking down on what we've done to the earth and He's not happy. The full moon tells us we have the power within to change what is not right in our lives and in our world.

Predominant among all the symbols is the huge circle which encompasses so many of the images. "We are connected by circles so we are all one," says Roberge-Brohm, who hopes people will find their own meanings in what she's done. ("I don't want to give it all away," she laughs.)

At one side, she's uses a quote from Chief Seattle to give people a few clues: "The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the Earth. All things are connected, like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is but a strand in it; whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

"You have to learn to live in

the Earth, not just on it," says Roberge-Brohm. "When you do, you feel a greater connection to yourself."

That connection has long been felt by Canada's "Red People", the Aboriginals. They are the guardians of the earth, but that doesn't stop the people of the other three colours – black, white and yellow – from adopting their roles as guardians.

The painting, called One Earth, One Spirit, is signed by her painting name, Hungry Heart, with a symbol of the four colours. It's her dedication to "those hurting souls" who have not yet been able to find their own peace and understanding.

"I see the children of today struggling to find answers, answers about themselves and the world they merely exist in," she says. "People have to allow the stereotypical and biased attitudes that they've learned to vanish, or they may find them undermining their true personalities. You cannot love or hate

something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself."

One thing Roberge-Brohm loves is painting. This was one of her ulterior motives in suggesting the mural to Home Hardware's owner, Ray Langdon. She'd volunteer the labour – more than 120 hours of painting – if he'd supply the plywood and exterior paints. It would be the first time she'd be able to paint something so large, and the first outdoor mural for Haliburton village. (Gailon Valteau has painted a rhubarb mural on the side of Eagle Lake Food Town and an indoor one at Boomer's restaurant.)

Langdon readily agreed and Roberge-Brohm began working on the project on April 28. It was hanging on the wall by June 26.

Now that she's done, Roberge-Brohm has ideas for other flat spaces, not only in Haliburton village, but in the entire county. She'd like other artists to join

her in highlighting the Highlands' creative nature.

"It's time Haliburton County starts bringing the artistic talent out and transforming the town into a tourist industry," she says. "The mural allows (the streetscape) to be new again."

Meanwhile, she has a list of people she'd like to thank for making Haliburton village's first outdoor mural a success: "Haliburton Home Hardware for believing in me and funding the project; my brother Rob Roberge who worked on the construction end of the project; the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, which allowed me to use their garage to paint the mural; Don Alton of Alton House Raising in Minden for using a flatbed and transporting the mural to town; the guys at K-Enterprises for their kindness, expertise, patience and time; and my dear friend and husband Ian Brohm, who gives me support, encouragement and unconditional love."

Orphan moose tries to make Eagle Lake Farms its home

■ But the other animals don't like it when she's around

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Kids aren't the only ones anxious to drop by Eagle Lake Farms to be with the animals.

A one-year-old moose calf crashed its way through wire fencing on June 26 and made itself comfortable on the farm's goat yard. It looked exhausted and thin, said Angela Reed, co-owner of Eagle Lake Farms.

Reed and co-owner Lorrie Metcalfe said they called the SPCA and well-known author



Young moose's mother may have been killed

and naturalist R.D. Lawrence for some advice about what to do with their unexpected visitor.

Stray calves search out herds of animals, although many of the farm's horses that were out to pasture that day stayed well clear of the trespasser.

"The horses were horrified," Metcalfe said.

Although the moose will eat grains, Reed didn't want to accommodate the animal, fearing it would think of the farm as her new home. By the evening, they closed all the gates except the ones leading to the forest and successfully herded her out.

But the next morning, the moose was back and this time settled in the barnyard.

"We're told she's old enough and could take care of herself," Metcalfe said. "But she should still be near her mother. They

think (the mother) might have been killed."

She said it was a novelty when the moose first made its way to the farm, but it soon became a nuisance since all the animals are so afraid of her. They had to bring the frightened horses back to the stable and couldn't let their other animals, including pigs, chickens, two Nubian goats and Eeyore their mule, out for the day.

They herded the moose out through the gates again on Friday, and so far she hasn't come back. For the moment, normalcy has returned to Eagle Lake Farms, but since much of the farm's business comes from leading horseback tours and donkey rides for kids, they're hoping the moose is fending for herself from now on.

Construction will still hinge on Ministry approval

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in the area still need to be examined.

A helicopter pad is desired at the Hyland Crest site and Salter said they're hoping to preserve the auditorium, chapel and administrative area as well as added the 62 long-term care beds on two levels.

"The Minden plans have a little more merit than the Haliburton ones at the moment," he said of these preliminary sketches. "We plan to take Haliburton (County) into the next millennium as leaders not followers."

Even if the foundations might not be in place this fall, the platforms could start to be built and the granular bed made

Board chair Hugh Nichol said members expect site preparation and foundation work to start by this fall, although Salter explained that even if the foundations might not be in place this fall, the platforms could start to be built and the granular bed made ready. Even if tendering was left

until later in the year or in January, construction could begin early next year.

"We can't put a shovel in the ground in advance of Ministry approval," he cautioned.

Besides the capital project itself, one of the board's goals was to operate with a balanced budget, but this isn't in the cards this year for the health services corporation. It already has a \$75,000 deficit and is bracing for a further \$130,000 or 5.3% cut in provincial funding.

Nichol was confident that once the upgrades at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest are complete there would be an operating surplus of \$300,000 before interest.

Health board's role continues to grow as integration with other services in the county takes place

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

The following are excerpts from the first Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation annual general meeting on June 26 at the Minden Community Centre.

Looking back at the last 12 months, integrating health services throughout the Highlands and working with other health care facilities continues to be at the forefront of the board's progress into its second year of operation.

Besides combining ambulatory, acute and long-term care at both the Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest sites, the board accepted responsibility of a community mental health program previously operated by SIRCH. And at their last meeting, the board applied to the District Health Council for funding towards a diabetic education clinic that Dr. Norm Bottum, chief of staff reporting for the Medical Advisory Committee, said would be in place this fall.

Besides adding new programs, equipment has been upgraded including a new X-ray machine and new medications such as an intravenous drug for patients with blood clots; they can be treated on an outpatient basis instead of being hospitalized for a week, Bottum said.

The board plans to continue developing linkages to Peterborough, and perhaps Orillia, including a teleradiography pilot project. Health professionals who see patients with complicated fractures can take films of the fracture and slide them into a computer; the data would be transferred to Peterborough so their radiologist can offer advice.

CEO Foster Loucks said the board plans to work closely with Extendicare's operation of a private nursing home in Haliburton, and it has been asked to develop a supportive housing program at Staunworth in Minden and eventually throughout the Highlands. It will also develop a day program that could eventually offer psychogeriatric services for up to 10 patients afflicted with "Alzheimer-like conditions."

Loucks said mental health services can be expanded to possibly include psychiatric consultation, individual, group and family counseling which would be focused in Minden with office sites in Haliburton. An office has already been opened in Wilberforce.

Pediatric care will be provided on an out-patient basis at both sites as well as obstetrical services for women with low-risk pregnancies. A sticking point for the board is the "luke warm" response they're getting from the Ministry of Health to keep

24-hour emergency access in Minden.

Dale Walker, of the new Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, said their goal is to raise approximately \$4-million towards the capital project at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest and to fund one-time programs such as the diabetic education clinic.

Now that the board has assumed ownership of local hospitals from the Sisters of St. Joseph's, \$763,000 that was previously raised for the hospitals will be transferred to the board to be added to the \$15,000 the foundation already received in donations from Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve, Women on Snow and other organizations.

The foundation also received commitments of \$150,000 from Minden's Rotary Club, \$100,000 from Minden's Lion's Club, \$266,000 from Haliburton County, \$20,000 from the Dave Anderchuck golf tournament and \$50,000 from Haliburton's Rotary Club — \$20,000 of which has already been given to the hospital auxiliary for the purchase of a new X-ray machine.

Nearly \$1.3-million has been raised so far, and while Walker acknowledged they have a long way to go to meet their \$4-million mark, she was confident that this could be done over a few years.



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Baby peacocks call this turkey Mom

When Theresa the Turkey's biological clock started ticking, she didn't care what she was sitting on

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With no offence to be implied or inferred, it can be said that a turkey only looks nice when it is on a platter accompanied by scalloped potatoes, mashed turnip and cranberry sauce.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but turkeys are ugly.

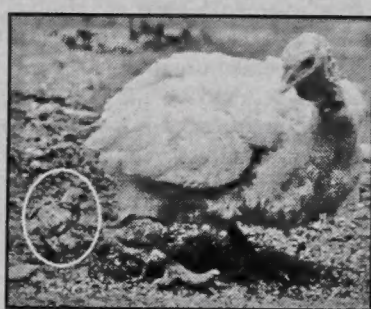
With no elitism to be implied or inferred, it can be said that peacocks are one of the most beautiful birds when they strut and prance while fanning their technicolour feathers.

So what are the baby peacocks in Sheri Hawkins' backyard going to do when they realize their mother is a turkey? And we're not talking childish insults, here.

Right now, when they pop their heads out of Theresa the Turkey's mass of white feathers, they'd be very alarmed by any mention of Thanksgiving dinner. To them, they may be peacocks but a mom's a mom, even if she's not as pretty as they are.

Don't worry, there hasn't been any cloning or genetic research going on in Hawkins' back yard on Scotts Dam Road.

It started out innocently enough when a few weeks ago, Theresa was giving Hawkins all the signs of wanting - to put it



SURPRISE! Theresa looks like an ordinary mother turkey with a baby chick sticking its head out from her feathers, but when the two chicks emerge, they don't anything like Mom. That's not surprising - they're peacocks.

politely - to be a mother. The biological clock was ticking, but unfortunately, there were no male turkeys in the yard to put out the alarm.

Hawkins advertised for someone to loan her a Tom the Turkey - "good time guaranteed" - but there were no takers.

Desperate to do something, anything, to make Theresa feel better, Hawkins then asked her friend Louise Weber if Weber had any fertilized eggs which

Theresa could sit on. Weber said no, but gave Hawkins the name of local veterinarian, Joan Grant. Dr. Grant had four peacock eggs which she gave to Hawkins, and Theresa took to them like a tea cozy to a pot.

Last Saturday, two of the four eggs hatched and Theresa



couldn't be a prouder mom. A day or two later, she was taking her two babies for walks around the yard, cooing gently to them in turkey talk. They talked back,

in baby peacock talk. It didn't seem to matter whether they could understand each other or not. Domestic bliss knows no language barriers.

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After the turmoil comes unity, Family Services told

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If the experience of two Muskoka family service agencies is anything to go by, Family Services of Haliburton County will soon discover that life is about to get much easier.

It seems that the Muskoka Children's Aid Society and the Muskoka Youth Counselling Centre encountered every roadblock along the way to amalgamation — turf wars, endless meetings, frustrating debates over the meaning of a single word, provincial inertia and personality clashes.

But once everyone realized that they were all working towards the same goal of providing the best services possible for children and their families, the differences faded away, Dr. Mary DeCaire and Phyllis Ingram told the annual general meeting of the local Family Services.

At first the problems seemed insurmountable, said DeCaire, the president of the Muskoka Family Services and Ingram, the past president of MYCC. It took their boards and staff more than a year to hammer out what they wanted to do and the model with which they were going to do it.

"At one meeting, we couldn't even agree on how we could talk to one another," Ingram said.

Everyone said that was the easy part, that implementation was going to be much tougher. "But you know what? The rest has not been difficult."

One of the reasons for this is the amalgamated service decided to rely on the resources they had within the two organizations and the wider community. Instead of

telling staff what to do, they gave the staff the challenge of finding ways to make it work.

"We found out we had all the skills right here," said DeCaire. "If the board had stuck its nose in it, it would have taken twice as long."

"Some people were adamant we needed an outside consultant," Ingram added, "but people (within an agency) often have more ability than they give themselves credit for."

Credit should also be given to the board's new governance model, called the Carver model. "It's like a born

"We found we had all the skills right here," Dr. Mary DeCaire says of the Muskoka Family Services' decision to place greater reliance on its own resources."



again religion," says DeCaire, a true convert.

In essence, the Carver model says the board should take care of the ends while letting the staff deal with the means. Instead of the board debating which type of computer to buy, the staff is told what their budget is and then left on their own to do the research and make the decisions. While it makes staff more responsible, it also gives the board more time to be thinking of long-term goals and planning. "The board has nothing to do with the day-to-day running of the agency. Its role is to be responsive to the community and look forward."

This also helps to avoid the complacency and complicity of some boards who become accustomed to simply passing motions put forward by the executive director,



"Some people were adamant we needed an outside consultant, but people often have more ability than they credit themselves for," says Phyllis Ingram, past president of the Muskoka Youth Counselling Centre.

and never wanting to question or change any of their past decisions, Ingram said. "The executive director needs a voice but doesn't direct the agency."

The new Muskoka Family Services will soon be opening its doors to families. With the money they've saved by sharing offices and staff, it's even able to expand services into other communities.

That's reassuring news for Family Services of Haliburton County, which will officially become the umbrella organization for all local family services on August 5. (The province won't let it take over the CAS's role, but at least the two will be sharing space at what's now known as the Kinark building in Haliburton.)

At last year's AGM, the board doubted whether it would survive the year, said president Lon Duncombe at Wednesday's meeting at the PineStone. Now, thanks to the province's commitment to the project, the board is on the verge of meeting "an unparalleled opportunity to make a real difference in the quality of life for the families of Haliburton County...."

"I know we will not let complexity of detail nor difficulty in implementation cloud our vision or deter us from striving to achieve our goal 'to identify, provide and strengthen support services enabling children, youth and families function at their highest level.'"

The new agency's executive director, Fay Martin, is also optimistic about the future.

"In taking this position, I had a few worries," she said in her report. "One was that the Board, which had persevered for a long time under difficult circumstances, with spirit-breaking set-backs, would be worn out or cynical or discouraged. On the contrary, I find they have somehow preserved their vision and optimism and energy."

She attributed part of this strength to the work of the former project manager, Frances Adams.

Staff has also helped her put fears to rest. "Another concern was that the staff we would inherit from the divesting agencies would not be adequate to the task envisioned for the new agency. My concerns have evaporated as, through weekly meetings, I have become acquainted with the strong women who will become the first generation of Family Services staff."

The official incorporation of services will be just the first step in enhancing and improving services to families, she said. "It is our negotiated intent within our first six months as a staff group to challenge the inherited constraints of how we have worked together and to put our collective knowledge and experience toward developing work protocols that maximize efficiency and effectiveness. In this way, we will address the ultimate goal of amalgamation, which is to do more with less; not by cutting corners but by conceptualizing and connecting in new ways — or old ways revisited."

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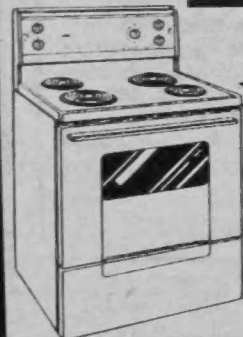
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Amalgamation would not cut taxes, warden cautions

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move to one-tier (county-only) government. Individual municipalities were asked to meet with their neighbours to see if there was any interest in amalgamation. Several did, but nothing came out of these meetings. (AHM, Lutterworth and Snowdon are currently meeting.) The county also hired David Barber to determine the cost per service in each municipality and then come up with a benchmark, or goal, for the ideal spending.

This practice of setting benchmarks, Fearrey said, is now being used by the province and proves that Haliburton County has already been running a tight financial ship.

Before any decision is made by the county – or the province – to either change boundaries or retain the status quo and simply share services, Fearrey wants all options explored.

"We've got the greatest opportunity to reconstruct Haliburton County and we're losing it," Snowdon Reeve George

Simmons said. "We're leaders. If we (as county councillors) say we have to go back to our municipalities (for approval), and the municipalities say they have to go back to the people, what did the people entrust us to do when they elected us?"

"Change is coming and it's coming fast" and the county should be prepared.

However, Fearrey warned that even if amalgamation takes place as a way of bracing for the downloading of services from the province, ratepayers

shouldn't get too excited about their property tax bills going down.

"I can't see us saving money for our people. Who you're going to save it for is Queen's Park" because the province will no longer have to pay for services – such as police and ambulance – that are being transferred to the county level. Amalgamation would simply make municipalities stronger "to face the challenges ahead of us. We're doing this to preserve Haliburton County and keep our

municipalities viable. It isn't to reduce taxes."

As well, Fearrey cautioned "we have to get it into our heads there will be some loss of jobs. Maybe there will be some retirements, but (jobs) are where the savings are."

Anson, Hindon and Minden Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome said if jobs do have to be cut, the decisions should be made by an outside consultant because it would be too difficult to leave the decisions up to each individual council.

Voting stays same

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responses," said Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, who as past president of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations worked very hard to bring about these various options "so I'm not treating it frivolously."

The new options may work well in urban areas, she said, but as presently proposed, they could be disastrous in rural areas such as the Highlands.

For instance, you need a touch tone phone for the phone-in voting and many people here do not have them; others are still on a party line. The process is also long and confusing, making it more difficult for seniors.

Anthon believes that municipalities can either allow phone voting or polling station voting – not both. Given the choice of making it easier for some and disenfranchising others, she agreed with her council's decision not to have phone-in voting, at least this time around.

Another concern is "clerks lose a lot of control but they have more responsibility than ever," she said.

The local clerks association did look into Warden Murray Fearrey's suggestion about holding a poll in Toronto, perhaps at the FOCA office, but Anthon says it appears legislation only allows for holding a poll in a neighbouring municipality, not a three-hour drive away. The clerks are also nervous about finding a good location for a city poll because "do we know if 5,000 would show up or 100?"

"There's not enough time to fine-tune the process," said Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor. But along with other councillors, he agreed municipalities would spend the next three years working out the details of alternative voting options.

Meanwhile, many municipalities have decided to hold an extra advance poll as early as possible to make it easier for cottagers to make the drive to their Highlands home to vote. Unfortunately, because of the deadline for filing an intent to run in the election is just after the Thanksgiving weekend, it is impossible to hold an advance poll on the traditional last visit up to the cottage before winter sets in.

When the decision not to hold alternative voting was announced at the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association, there were no objections from the floor.

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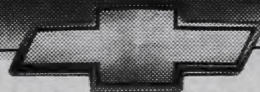
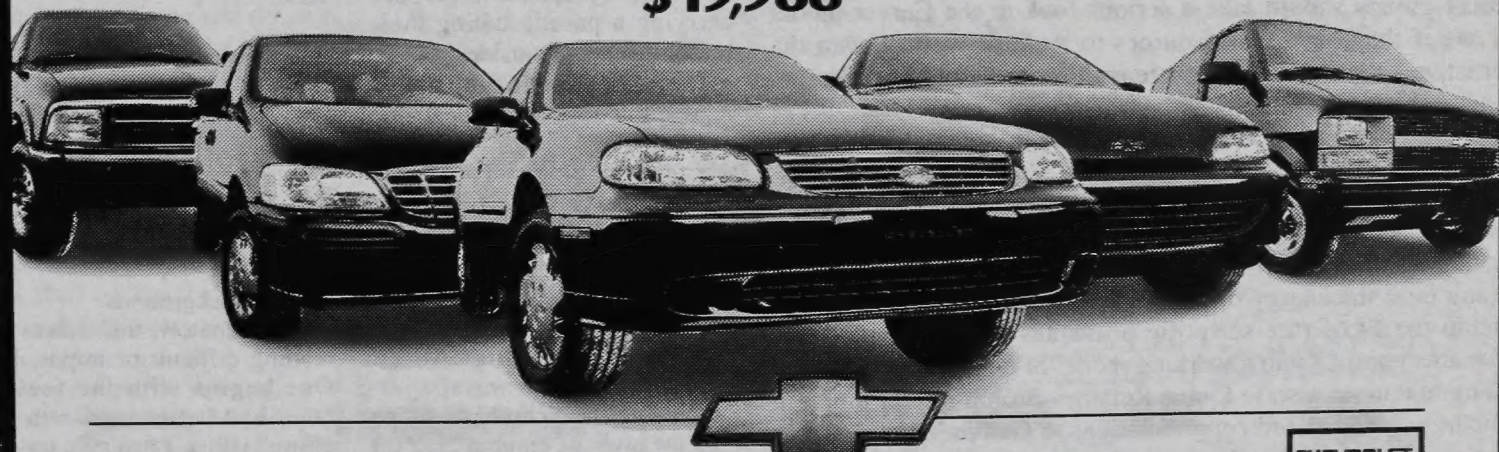
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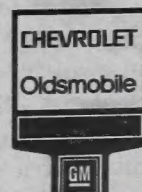
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Editorial

A model opportunity

WHEN YOU HAVE TO SIT IN ON what seems like an endless stream of meetings, you often wonder whether there's a better way of doing things. Do boards of education need to spend weeks discussing who gets keys to the school gates and if those gates should even be there? Do municipal politicians need to make almost daily visits to the municipal office, which is staffed by people who are paid to do all the jobs required by the office? Do boards of smaller organizations need to get burnt out because they spend their time talking about purchasing office supplies?

The Muskoka Family Services would answer "No" to all of the above. It has switched to what's known as the Carver model, and with all the fervor of born-again board members, two of them sung the praises of this new way of running an organization at last Thursday's Family Services of Haliburton County annual general meeting.

One premise seems to be that when you hire staff, you should let them do the job they're hired for. (Imagine that.) Staff are trained professionals and have a more intimate knowledge of the needs and challenges of the day-to-day operations. Board members should set certain parameters – a budget must be adhered to, staff rules must be followed, clients must be served in a professional, mandated manner – but after that, they should "keep their noses out". Too many chefs spoil the broth.

While letting the staff get on with the business of running the organization, the board should be thinking of which direction the organization should be heading. These are indeed challenging times for any organization, especially those which have relied on provincial funding to help them get by. That funding is drying up and as a result, more organizations are turning to their communities to make up the shortfall. With more people making a bid for less money, there needs to be a strategy. Since the staff is too busy working to come up with that strategy, the board should be putting their collective minds and energy together.

But won't this give the staff too much power? The two guest speakers from Muskoka said the opposite has happened; with the Carver model, their organization has been able to address problems which arose when an executive director got too powerful. Under the old method, meetings were run by the executive director and the board, confronted by all the minutiae of the organization's operations, tended to rubber stamp whatever was suggested. If those suggestions turned out to be bad ones, they hesitated to reverse their decisions because they didn't want to admit they had been wrong. Complacency set in; complicity often resulted.

As Fay Martin, the new executive director of Haliburton County's Family Services says, an organization needs strong staff, a strong board and a strong executive director (or administrator or clerk or manager). Each must be strong because each has a different role to fill.

By giving staff more leeway to make their own decisions, you are also giving them more responsibility. With responsibility comes consequences, and staff must therefore be held accountable for decisions. All too often, the board becomes the "fall guy" should something go wrong, and this can be unfair.

Local groups should take a serious look at the Carver model and see if they have the resources to make it work. Given the alternative – the status quo – there isn't much harm in trying.

Congratulations

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School can be justifiably proud of the national teaching award won by Dave Mowat of the school's science department. By working with fellow staff and tapping in to the energy of the students, Mowat has been able to develop the ELM (the scientific principles of energy, lifestyles and matter) project into a working model of outdoor education.

Congratulations also to Lynne Roberge-Brohm for her mural in Haliburton (and belated congratulations to Gailon Valteau for her mural in Eagle Lake.) Roberge-Brohm is right: for an area which attracts and inspires so many artisans, we have very few public expressions of that artistic talent. We don't need to copy the communities which have established themselves as tourist attractions by using murals, but we do need to find other outlets for all the talent to be found in the Highlands.

M.P.



Fishing at Furnace Falls

by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Women's rights being suppressed in Afghanistan

To the Editor:

There is an article entitled "Veiled Threat" in the summer edition of "Homemakers" magazine that anyone the least interested in human freedom should read.

It tells of the plight of women in Afghanistan since the takeover of a rebel faction called the Taliban. They have ordered all the women of Afghanistan into seclusion. All girls schools have been closed, women can no longer work outside the home, they have to be completely covered with a head to toe wrap called a burqua at all times. Women can only leave their homes when accompanied by a husband, brother or son, shrouded by their Burqua and carrying a permit stating their reason for being outside.

To disobey any of the above regulations may mean death by

stoning. The woman is buried in a pit up to her shoulders and surrounded by men and rocks are thrown at her head until she is dead.

There are more atrocities mentioned in the article but I think the intent is clear. The article ends by giving an address where you can voice your opinion about these practices and hopefully make a difference for these women. The address is: Write, Fax or E-Mail to "Veiled Threat", Homemakers Magazine, 25 Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 100, North York, Ont. M2N 6S7; Fax: (416) 733-8683; E-mail: homemakers@telemidia.ca

Your letters will be forwarded to the United Nations in New York.

Thank you
Linda Salvatori,
Haliburton

And this is summer

by Eleanor Cooper

A bobolink carolling madly in the meadow.

Fields of yellow, orange and white of buttercup, devil's paintbrush and daisies.

Winds brisk under blue and white skies.

Green everywhere - waters' edges, lawns, gardens, trees and bushes

Clear lakes as the early mists move and lift away.

Loon calls - laughter Business of rushing traffic and holiday shoppers.

Cool drinks in the shade of decks on verandahs.

Sunset light all gold and red on the bark of pine trees and cedars.

Dew-worms over the swampy places at night

Gardens burgeoning with new grown crops.

Someone home you haven't seen for so long!

Quiet of evening worship in blessing, wherever you are ... and this too, is summer.

Simple black on white is easier to read

To the Editor:

It is so frustrating! All the magazines and newspapers including the Echo have adopted the style of emphasizing the most important and interesting items by printing on coloured

or grey backgrounds.

Unfortunately, this makes the reading difficult or impossible. One begins with the feeling "this had better be worth the effort." Often I just give up.

Please desist.
Couldn't you merely use a

larger print to headline or use a coloured border around the article to draw it to our attention? Black on white is nice.

Isobel Clee,
Haliburton

It's summer -- now what?

WELL THE LAST bell has rung and the farewells have been said for the summer. That's it! School's out for another year and the question is being asked "Now what happens?"



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

There are those feelings of relief that there is no more racing to make the first bell mixed with the parents' trepidation of what are we going to do for the next eight weeks.

I think we put a lot of pressure on ourselves with the dawning of summer holidays. We feel we've got this finite length of time of nice weather in which we have to jam every activity, sport and good time we've ever considered doing. And the weather part is indeed true. But we should at least try to slow down and enjoy it while we have it instead of rushing from one event to the next and missing all of the good stuff in between.

This first week is always a bit of an adjustment period. I find we all have to get worked into a schedule of another kind. The kids are a little bit at loose ends because they haven't really started to relax yet and they are half expecting me to say "Hurry up, we're going to be late for school!"

I'm not yet used to having all three of them at home with me all day so it takes a bit of choreography to get around the bodies.

I lay down the one rule first and foremost and that is "I don't ever want to hear the words - I'm bored." I then go on to say that there is always something to do: reading, a

craft, biking and if they don't like any of that we can move on to cleaning bathrooms and folding laundry. I also go on to say that summer is not the time for fighting and bickering and if I hear any, drastic measures will have to be taken. I haven't yet decided what they might be but the veiled threat seems to have worked so far.

Fortunately, my older two enjoy each other's company and are of the age where exploring in the woods and biking together can net any number of imagined adventures. The younger is thrilled to have them home all the time and gets a bit cranky when she can't always be included. For the most part, they are pretty good to make time for her.

The chosen activity for the starter week is to clean their rooms. Yes, you read it correctly!

My kids are doing a complete overhaul of their rooms at the outset of the summer. I have told them that it is no fun for me to nag constantly about the mess of their rooms and picking up their junk so they decided that they will do it once really well at the beginning and try to stay on top of it for the rest of the time. Bookshelves are being re-arranged, toys are being put back to their original configurations, beds are being changed, and so on. Last year I had to be fairly firm about purging anything that was really not necessary but I'm finding I don't have to be quite so vigilant this year.

They all work in one person's room together which makes for more "Remember this" and "Look what I found". They enjoy going through all the stuff they have collected and squirreled away. School scrap books are filled and filed on the shelf, art work is hung on the doors and the rest is fondly remembered and then tossed.

This year we are into paper-making so scrap paper is being re-cycled into our own creations. My function is mainly that of over-seer and to periodically say, "Let's keep moving, we're almost finished".

We're hoping to do one room a day, which I feel is a little optimistic but they want them completely finished before the summer really gets going. However, by the look of Sophie's room, I'm not sure if eight weeks is going to be enough time.

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Pic of the Past

Amidst the heat of summer, we thought you might like to cool off by looking at this picture of Gooderham's main street buried in snow. The picture is circa 1940 and shows Ab

McColl walking up the street. Behind where the farthest house in the photo stands is the public beach. Our thanks to Darlene Reil for sharing it with us.

The Earth's trashy tenants

The other day, one of my children commented "If the earth was a person, don't you think it would want to get rid of us? We're just trashing it. Maybe it would turn into a desert until we're gone, and then become green again."

Remember the Earth Summit - the international symposium held in Rio in 1992? Most of the world leaders met there, got in a few good photo ops with their peers, recorded some great sound bites about saving the environment, and how it was all linked with international development. Then they all went home to continue their old polluting ways. Now, 5 years later, a few of the original signatories dared return to the scene of the crime, in order to harmonize their excuses for lack of progress, I suppose. Environmental groups agree that this second summit has ended in "pathetic" failure. As long as the original goals of the '92 summit remained unfulfilled the ozone layer will continue to thin, the globe will become increasingly warmer, and floods, tornadoes, and generally weird weather will keep messing with the earth and its occupants.

One only need visit the third



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

world briefly to discover the damage that's already been done. Haiti, one of our Caribbean neighbours, turned its forests into firewood long ago: the water table has now dropped to disastrous levels. A smoky haze of pollution wreaths the capital city, bare brown hills are scarred by the ugly gashes of erosion as precious topsoil, stripped of vegetation, leaches into the ocean. The rainy season, vital for growing crops, is often late in coming.

All this environmental damage is a direct, or indirect, result of poverty and its parasitic stepson, ignorance. The environment must take a very distant back seat to the immediate, daily needs of survival for the average third worlder. Meanwhile, international aid to Haiti and its poverty stricken siblings around the world is actually declining as the developed nations turn their attention and resources inward to the latest trendy offerings of bread and circuses.

Canadians have traditionally been able to buy limited protection - sun-block, air conditioners, flood and tornado insurance - and so avoid many of the immediate consequences of Mother Nature's unplanned menopause. There are some things, however, such as growing food, and enjoying unfiltered sunshine, and breathing real air, that once gone, all the share certificates in the world can never replace.

Meanwhile, high above us all, the space station 'Mir' - Russian for both 'peace' and 'world' - is beginning its own dance with death. Systems for controlling the temperature are malfunctioning, the energy needed to purify its air and regulate its atmosphere is no longer adequate. If necessary, its occupants can abandon ship and escape back to earth in their docked "Soyuz" reentry vehicle. But, what are they coming back to? A pretty grim future, with the same intractable, accumulative problems they faced in space, now global in scale, with no makeshift repairs possible. And unfortunately, we and they have no escape from this earth. And it may indeed have to get rid of us before becoming green again.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfeur



Camp AMICI fun run to draw 500 racers

■ Funds from 7.4-km run help send children to summer camp

On Friday, August 1st, at 6 p.m. more than 500 runners will once again embark on a 7.4 km road race to help raise money and awareness for the AMICI Camping Charity.

The unusual length and relative ease of the course attracts a wide group of ages and skill levels from all over Ontario.

For the first time ever, all registered participants will be automatically entered into "The Heights of Haliburton to the Mountains of Whistler" raffle. This AMICI fundraising initiative (\$2,500 prize value) shall conclude with the drawing of the winning ballot at the awards ceremony following the race.

The registration fee of \$25

includes race T-shirt, race day kit, raffle ticket, medals and trophies for winner in a variety of categories.

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling Kim at the Kilcoo Camp office (416) 482-5264. Day of event registration takes place at the world famous Rockcliffe Hotel - Minden from noon onward.

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The team has been performing well, adjusting to the rough, physical play and committing themselves to a tough defensive style. After five games the team sports the top defense allowing only 11 goals. When our goalie, Jason Kasechuk, regains consciousness, be sure to congratulate him on his fine play.

The team plays every Monday at 7:30 at Wilson Field (off highway 35 in Lindsay) with two exceptions; July 6 and July 20. Support is welcome.

The team would like to extend their gratitude to Easton's Valu-Mart of Haliburton and Minden for their sponsorship.

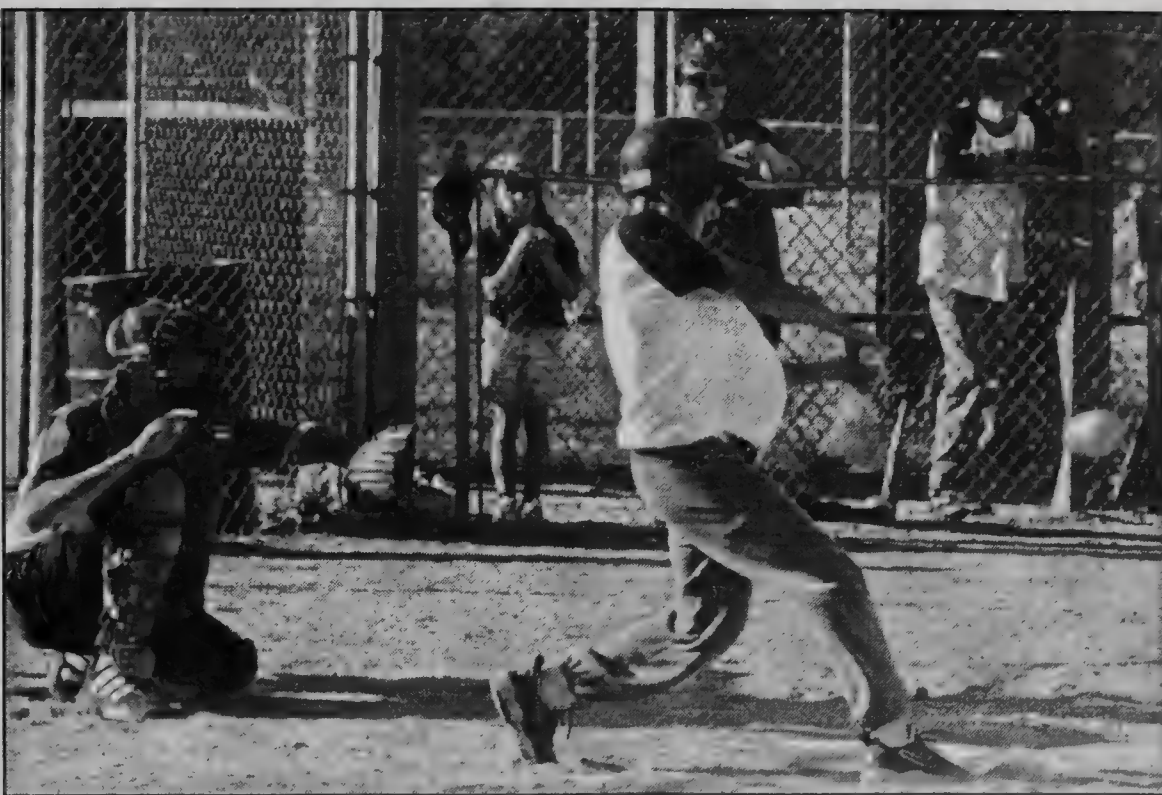
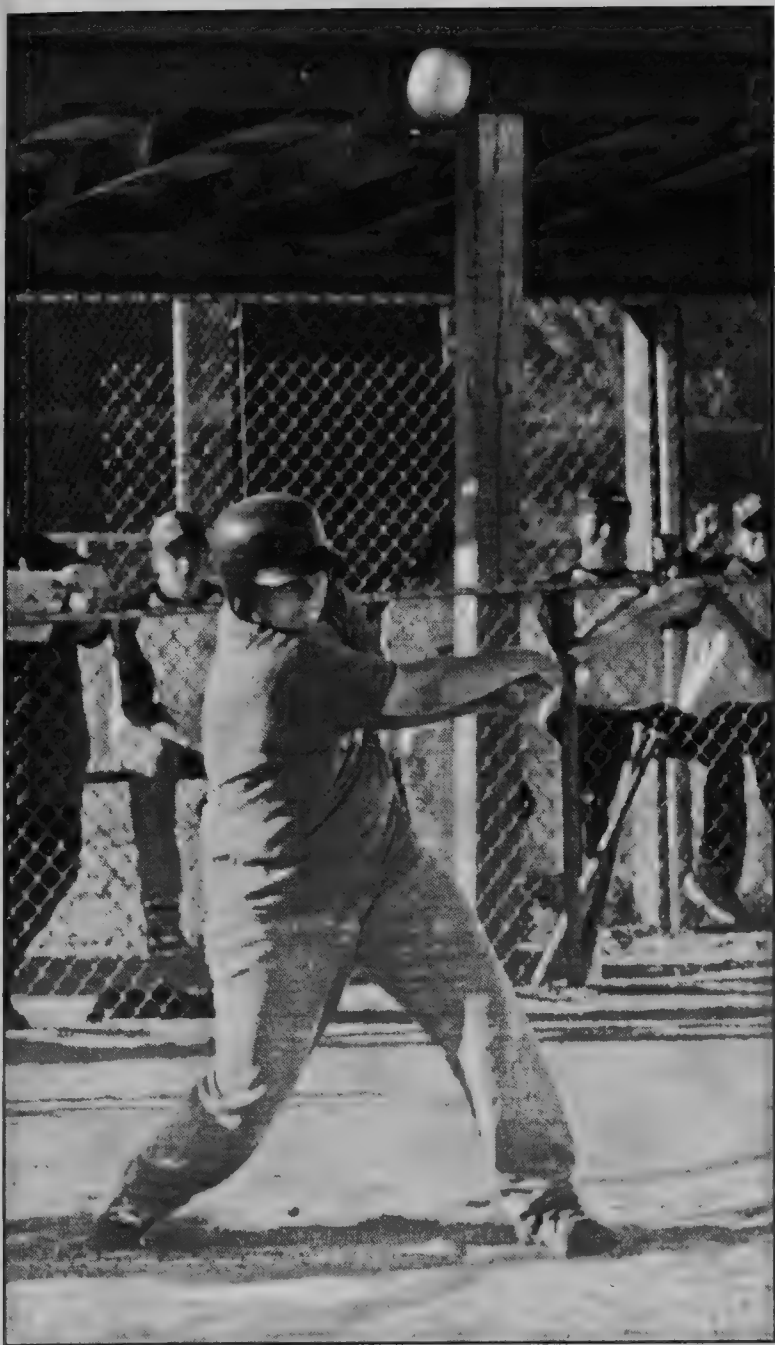
Team Statistics:

Wins: 1; Losses: 4; Goals for: 7; Goals Against: 11; Top scorers: Rich Simmons, 2; Peter Bertelsen 2.

Haliburton lakes lower than usual

In spite of considerable rainfall in the Kawartha area, much less had fallen in Haliburton by Monday, June 23. This allowed the lakes in Haliburton to decline over the past week by less than 1% to about 90%. This level was still about 2.5% less than normal for the time of year. The present surplus situation in the Kawarthas has enabled a reduction again to near minimum flows from the Haliburton lakes.

The heavy rains in the Kawarthas over the past week have pushed those lakes to 112% of their normal full levels. Some of this surplus is now being discharged, temporarily putting the Otonabee River flow up to about 90 cubic metres per second. The June normal is 51 cubic metres per second, while minimum for dry times is 17.



AT LEAST THEY'RE DOING BETTER THAN THE BLUE JAYS: The ice skates are already collecting dust while summer sports picks up in the county. The Minden fairgrounds located just behind the community centre is just one venue to catch the swing, and miss, stylings of these young not-quite-so professional athletes who know how to have fun. A team playing for Dave's on 35, left and above, strutted their stuff during a game on June 27.

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'Adoption' program keeps county roads clean

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The county is looking for a helping hand from the community to keep its growing road network clean and free of litter.

Businesses, property owners associations, teams, service groups and anyone else who can spare some time to help are invited to join the county's new Adopt-a-Road program.

The initiative is similar to the one run by the Ministry of

Transportation on provincial highways.

Interested groups or businesses agree to "adopt" a section of the county's roadways, collecting trash or even cutting the grass along that piece of road.

"If motorists see that there is a section of road being maintained by the community maybe they'll be a little more responsible," said Brian Mulholland, from the county's roads department.

The Canning Lake Property Owners' Association has already

volunteered its services, becoming the first group to participate in the program.

The association has adopted sections of County Roads 1, 16 and 17 in the Canning Lake-Scotts Dam area.

Like the provincial program, the county will put up signs along sections of road that are adopted stating who is maintaining the area.

Given the dozens of kilometres of highways that have been transferred to the county from the province recently, the county could use any help possible to cut down on its maintenance costs.

In the past year the county's road network has grown by more than 120 kilometres, including the section of Highway 121 between Minden and Haliburton.

Mulholland said any section of the county's road system is up for adoption. "This is some-

thing we want to get into big."

Interested groups or associa-

tions can call the county's roads department at 286-1762.

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Results of June 24 Yankees, 18, Red Sox, 11

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Results of June 24 Rockies, 8, Royals, 3, Cardinals, 4, Orioles, 3

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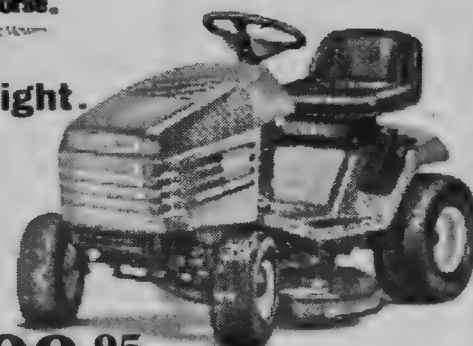
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Ministry gives Minden tools to help attract more family doctors

Minden has been given new incentives by the Ministry of Health to lure family physicians to the community in an effort to solve its ongoing doctor shortage.

Health Minister Jim Wilson and Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson announced last week that Minden can take advantage of a different type of funding contract to recruit three to seven doctors into a group practice.

Under the so-called globally funded group practice contract, physicians are paid a guaranteed income, rather than a fee for service.

The income they receive is negotiated among the doctors and a community agency.

The Ministry of Health says the group practice can provide patients with a wider range of primary care services, such as 24-hour on-call and consultations with other service providers in the community.

The physicians operating

under the contract are to strike agreements with the community, hospitals and long-term care facilities over how the services are to be provided.

"Globally funded group practice contracts will further contribute to community efforts to attract new physicians which will also provide relief to local physicians who have been carrying heavy patient loads,"

Hodgson said in a news release.

The income stability and opportunity to practise in a group offering enhanced services gives physicians an incentive to settle in the community for longer, according to the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry has also made group practice contracts available to Kirkfield.

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National spotlight shines on ELM

Science teacher Dave Mowat wins prestigious award for innovative program

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton high school's ELM program has been a huge hit with local teachers and students right from time its seeds were planted four years ago.

But now the unique project — which mixes science, the arts and adventure into an educational journey through the forest — and its creator have grabbed the national spotlight.

Science teacher David Mowat, who developed ELM and co-ordinates the program each year, has won a prestigious award from the Canadian College of Teachers.

The college selects one educator from schools across the country annually to receive the Margaret A. Johnston Memorial Teaching Excellence Award.

The award is given "in recognition of an outstanding contribution to education in the area of innovative programs in the science classroom."

On Friday at a ceremony in Montreal, the college will present the award to Mowat for his work on ELM.

"We're really proud of Dave, really proud," said high school principal Gary Brohman, who nominated Mowat for the award.

Brohman said he isn't aware of another science program anywhere else that integrates so many different school departments and involves students from both elementary and secondary classes.

"There's not one program that's close to it in Canada."

"Dave likes to give credit to everyone else who helps out with ELM," said Brohman. "But I believe that it takes a leader to make things happen. I say, 'No, Dave. You're it. You're Mr. ELM.' ... I believe this is truly his award. He's taken this project from day one. He's co-ordinated

it all. He's made it happen."

Board director Brad Saunders was equally thrilled with Mowat's achievement.

"I think this is absolutely superb ... I could not be happier. I could not be prouder."

Mowat, who has spent his entire 25-year teaching career at HHSS, is extremely honoured by the college's recognition.

But, as his principal pointed out, he chooses to defer most of the credit for ELM to the other teachers and students who help make the program work.

"I'm just one variable in the equation," he says, true to his scientific background.

The best thing about the award for Mowat is that he can now go to the high school students involved in ELM with more evidence that they are doing something unique and meaningful.

"For me personally, it's wonderful to say, 'See, you really did do an innovative thing'."

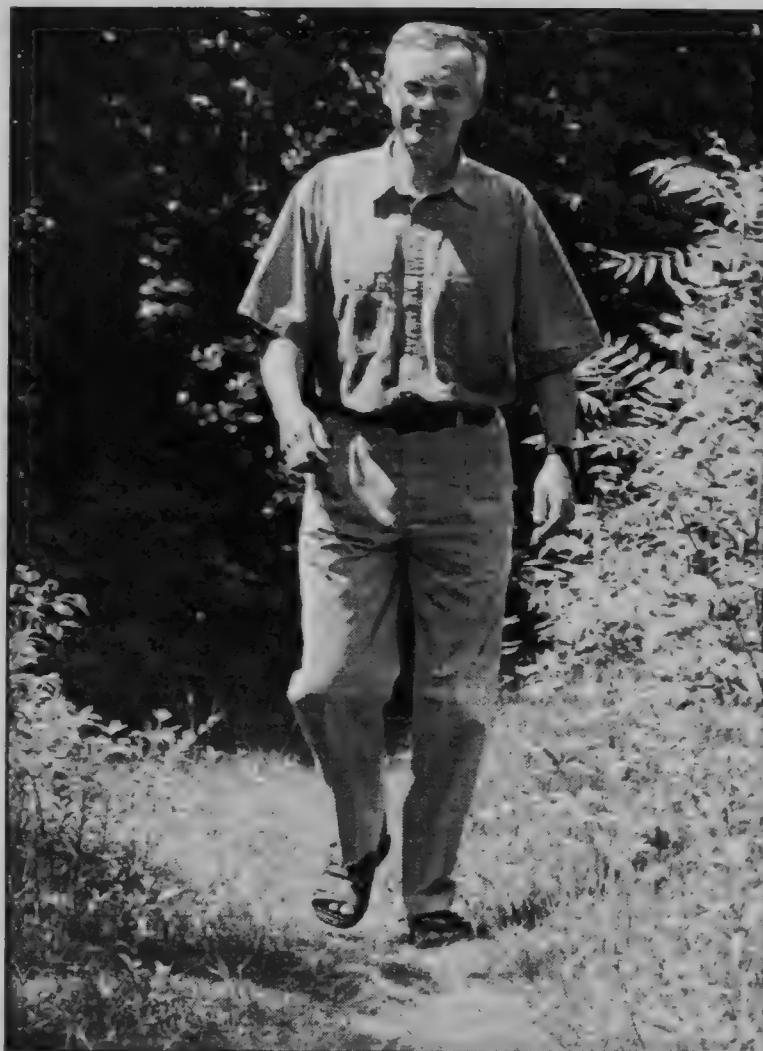
ELM grew out of an idea Mowat had for an Earth Week project for one of his science classes four years ago.

He wanted the students to come up with a plan for an environmental school where they could help others, as well as each other, gain a better perception of themselves within their surrounding environment.

Mowat and the class started thinking about some of the activities offered at nearby camps for leadership training and outdoor education.

And after they became involved in Camp Wanakita's Sunship Earth project, where students from high school help teach elementary school students about the earth's ecosystems on a mystical space flight, Mowat and the students' creative juices took off.

ELM, an acronym for Energy, Lifestyles and Matter, was the result — a hands-on program



AWARD WINNER: High school science teacher Dave Mowat walks the ELM trail through the forest beside the high school. Mowat has won a national education award for the unique project, which combines science, the arts and adventure into an educational journey.

where "adventurers" from area elementary classes explore a one-kilometre trail with 16 learning stations that loops through the forest adjacent to the high school.

Guiding the children on their educational exploration are student trail leaders from the high school, who help the children learn about the environment, science and nature through various physical activities, games and interactive plays acted out by high school drama students.

"This program simply wouldn't work without (drama teacher) Ann Varty," said Mowat. "... She and her drama class make the program come alive."

Students from all subject areas — not just Mowat's science students — help out with ELM. But it's up to them to negotiate a suitable independent study project with their teachers from other subjects to take part in the program.

The actual day on the trail takes

place each April during Earth Week, but preparations for the big day go on for months before hand at both school levels.

Part of the reason why the program is so successful is that the high school students and elementary students get to know each other very well before they even go out on the trail, said Mowat.

In February, students from HHSS visit the elementary class that will participate in the program. They get pet profiles from the students and learn more about them through games.

There is one more visit scheduled in early April to allow the high school students to explain to the younger students where they'll be going and what they'll experience on the trail.

"By the time they get here there is a real trust bond with them and these teens because they've gotten to know them so well," said Mowat.

And when the younger students have gone through the last station on the ELM trail, they've learned about far more than only science and the environment.

"They also learn that teens are somebody they can look up to," said Mowat. "... In simple terms, what ELM does is build community. This breaks the barriers down."

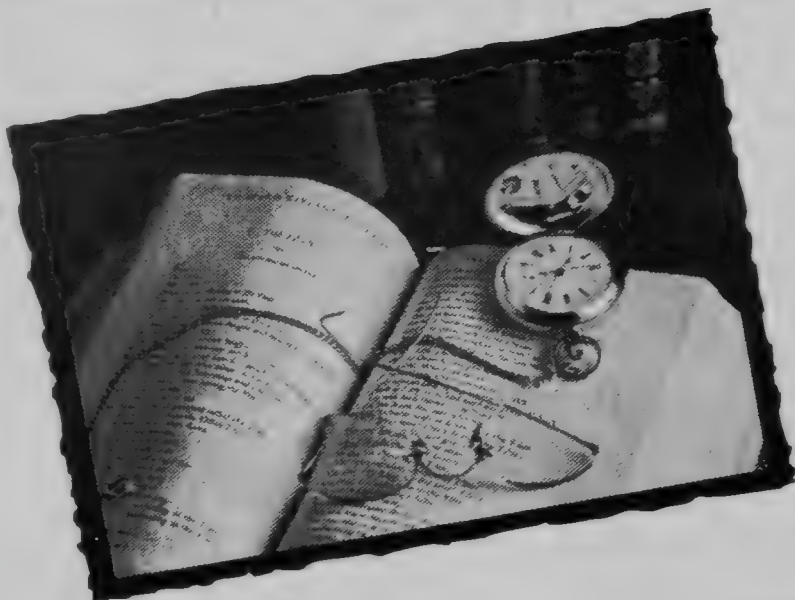
But for Mowat, his main focus of the project is seeing the benefits that the high school students realize by participating.

"What they've had is the chance to make a difference in people's lives."

Mowat said the ELM program has received a great deal of support from a number of sources, including the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, as well as the school board itself.

"The board has been wonderful over the years," he said. "To allow an experiment like this to happen is just amazing."

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Guild negotiates tough financial times with strong management

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

The message from the annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts was how tough a year it was. But thanks to smart management and strong leadership, the Guild broke even and members have their sights set on the future.

In his financial report, Hugh Nichol said gallery and guild shop sales were up by \$12,195 thanks to an \$8,000 profit from the Glen Loates show. Guildship revenues were also up by \$3,000 compared to last year.

But the hardest blow to the Guild came from its sales and exhibitions, including the crucial summer exhibitions and Art Fest, which were down almost \$33,000. Fundraising was also down this year by nearly \$11,000 due in part to poor sales for the Winning Wednesdays tickets; 178 tickets at \$100 each were sold the previous year compared to 129 ticket this year.

Barb Bolin has agreed to take on the task of leading the Winning Wednesdays fund-raiser this year. Ticket sales for the quilt raffle are also down, and Pam Smith volunteered to take over that raffle.

Grants and memberships to the Guild remain steady, and donations were up thanks to an individual contribution of \$1,000.

Despite the Guild's net deficit of \$6,100 compared to \$1,300 the previous year, \$6,000 was appropriated from reserve funds which means the Guild broke even this year even after making significant upgrades to the Rails' End Gallery including air conditioning and a new computer.

Pamela Kinney reported attendance at the gallery's 11 exhibitions and the Christmas sale were down, and many of the workshops had to be canceled because of bad weather. Next year, she said the gallery will run shows from May to October to offset the six-week faculty show.

She said there are new participants at this year's 33rd Annual Summer Sale at the Dysart Community Arena from July 25 to 27 which will feature over 75 artisans from across Ontario.

Standing for board of directors for 1997-98 are Mary Mumford, Gerry Vandenbrink, Rhonda Maguire and June Stewart. They will join the directors who are completing their second of a two-year term including guild president Ginnie Muenzel, Jim Blake, Ross Rigney, Joe Smith, Wen Scott, Wendy Bateman and Bev Muir.

Among the guild group reports, Primrose Birrell said the

Painters Guild has expanded to 12 members. Joan Stinson reported Concert Series ticket door sales were down. Also, Ted Carson is stepping down as president of the Concert Series group, although he will stay on as board member. Remaining members will share the job load as president.

The Potters Guild is looking for a new representative now that Ricki Woods has stepped down.

Kudos go to the Knitters Guild which raised \$146 for the hospital auxiliary and \$148 from two afghan raffles, \$92 of which went towards the gallery's new computer.

Other good news comes from the Rug Hookers Guild whose raffle tickets brought in \$750.



MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES: Ginnie Muenzel, far right, presented Doris Laine, left, and Lynn Hancock with original works by Mary Wallace when they were named honorary members during the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts annual general meeting on June 18.

Stinson reported that Isabel Thomas rug hooked two rugs that were raffled for the Minden Hospital and the Minden Museum. Her work is also on display at the Textile Museum in Toronto.

The Handweavers and Spinners Guild reports the official opening of Pritchard House

on June 28.

Two of the silver linings that broke through some dark clouds of the past 12 months are Doris Laine and Lynn Hancock, who were named honorary members. Muenzel presented them each with an original work by Mary Wallace.

Laine was integral for recruit-

ing volunteers and providing refreshments for different functions, but this long-time member of the board will not stand as board member this year.

Hancock, who has been taking minutes for the board, has decided to put down her pen and spend more time gardening and traveling.

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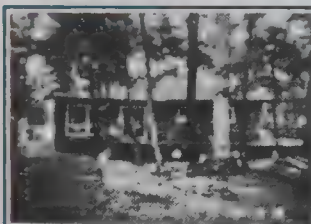
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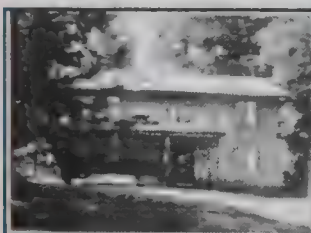
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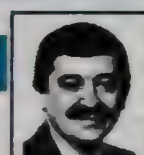
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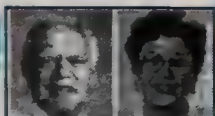
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... and MNR firefighter Anna Tomlinson loves it

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

AT YORK UNIVERSITY, Anna Tomlinson sits in a classroom and listens to lectures on how the human body moves.

Right now, Tomlinson is as far away from a lecture hall as she could get, but when she returns this fall, she'll be able to tell her professors a thing or two about how well her own muscles can work when confronted by a burning inferno of forest.

"When you're at a fire and it's hot and you're carrying 60 pounds of hose on your back, uphill, and your eyes are burning from the smoke, you have to be in good shape," says the 20-year-old crew member with the Haliburton Ministry of Natural Resources fire base.

But if you think she's complaining, don't. "There's nothing like it. Where else do you get a rush like that?"

"It sounds worse than it is," says base-mate Derek Wilson who, like Tomlinson, is back in his hometown for a few days after working 29 days straight fighting fires and cleaning up the mess in Northern Ontario. When Tomlinson goes back to York in the fall, Wilson will hang his new Bachelor's degree in history on the wall before applying for jobs as an urban firefighter.

After working from May 27 to June 25 without a day off, their enthusiasm for their job, makes them eager to be back at it

again. With hot, dry conditions necessitating a "red alert" at the base, they're packed and ready to go at a moment's notice.

"The down time is horrible," Wilson says. "It's a let down to get back here."

(Three hours after the interview early Saturday afternoon, they were on their way to an overnight fire east of Bancroft, smiles on their faces.)

This is how a letter to the editor by Gary Boissineau in the Sault Star describes the efforts of the 70 MNR firefighters (including Tomlinson, her crew leader J.D. Bishop and senior crew man Brian Flannigan) at a fire near Cochrane...

"The possibility of the Meginan Lake area becoming an inferno was almost certain.

"I drove to my trap cabin not far from where the lightning had struck. Much to my relief I found the cabin intact. Fire hoses were strung all around and water bombers were dropping their loads. Fire crews were hurriedly cutting trails, stringing hose and fighting fires on many fronts. Overhead, a small Bird Dog plane was directing the water bombers to the fire site. Helicopters were dropping more men and women and equipment and directing the ground crews.

"It was immediately evident to me that this was a highly organized and well-trained group of men and women putting forth their maximum effort.

"Many hours after the sun had set, the weary fire rangers struggled into camp, soot covered



"There's nothing like it," Anna Tomlinson says of her job with the MNR fire base. "Where else do you get a rush like that?"

and dead tired. At 5 a.m., with less than six hours sleep, all were up and out on the fire lines before the winds came up.

"Dead burning trees were cut down and the last of the flames were extinguished. Saturation of hot spots continued all day.

"... My cabin and the beautiful forests of Meginan Lake are still there. I feel privileged to have watched these world class fire rangers in action."

Tomlinson remembers meeting Boissineau, and it's his reaction and appreciation which make

the sweat and grime and heat transform themselves into an incredibly satisfying experience.

"It's gratifying - it's meaningful. You feel great. You're tired and cold and wet but it feels so good to be doing it."

If she wants to feel even better about what she does, she should read the thank-you letter from Judy and Dave Misener, whose cottage on Watabeag Lake was saved thanks to the firefighters, some of them from the Haliburton base.

"Yesterday, headlining the

national news," the Miseners write, "it was pointed out that Canada, once again, was proclaimed by the United Nations as the number one country to live in. Right after that item, the news of the fires happening across our country was broadcast and how the firefighters were coming in from all parts of the country. This is an example of why Canada is in the place that it is. Its people are ordinary people, giving of themselves,

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It does take something special to leave friends and families for weeks at a time, to fly over fires in a helicopter, which, if it can't find a clear piece of land, will ask you to climb out into a swamp, getting wet up to your waist as you lift your gear over your head and make for shore, where you have to find someplace safe to set up camp.

For those who picture a scene out of a Rambo movie, Tomlinson cautions that you can't jump out of a hovering helicopter; it would create too much motion dangerously close to the water's surface. Instead, "you get out nice and slowly."

In fact, you try to do a lot of things slowly because you don't want to have to do them twice. Checking all your gear first and

being organized is essential if you're going to conserve vital energy. No one wants to tramp all their gear up a hill into the forest, breathing in smoke, only to find out you've left something behind. There are no "oops!" allowed.

Likewise, the MNR crew leaders always make sure that crews don't rush into a dangerous situation. Safety is paramount. Communication is vital. Heroes who dash off, hoses blasting, do more harm than good, so everything must be well planned in advance. Not only are the conditions of the fire weighed before crews are told what to do, but one of the first tasks is to establish an escape route.

A fire may be an unpredictable foe, but the crew leaders must expect the unexpected.

Scott Milburn remembers one day when he and fellow crew members Greg Gibbons and Jamie Fryer were safe, but their gear was directly in the path of the fire.

"We were told to get down to the helopad because there was a chance the fire would take a rip and it did," Milburn says. But crew leader Brent Flood and his



As a fire approaches, the firefighters' gear is rescued from their camp, above. At right the view from the helicopter window is either tree or smoke. Photos courtesy Scott Milburn

crew, Wilson and Greg Brohman, were able to rescue their friends' gear first, watching the fire from across the river as they packed a boat with sleeping bags, clothes and personal belongings.

"They looked out for us," says an appreciative Milburn, who knows that when you have to live far, far away from a store for two weeks, it's nice to be able to have a change of clothing.

As you can tell from some of the names mentioned in this story, up north it's almost like old home week for a batch of recent graduates from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Along with Tomlinson, Wilson, Milburn, Flood, Brohman and Fryer, there's Mark Stamp, Scott Whittaker, Jamie McMahon and Steve Davis.

"We're really good friends, which helps when you're in a tent for two weeks with the same people," Wilson smiles.

Among those names, Tomlinson's is the only one with a Miss in front of it; she's also the first woman to get a firefighting summer job with the

Haliburton fire base. Even in her travels, she's met only a half dozen other women firefighters, who make up a small minority of the 700 people from across Canada who are trained to fight forest fires.

A lithe six feet tall, Tomlinson says "my size comes in handy. It makes me look more capable and powerful - although I didn't like it when I was growing up."

There's no quota system for women crew members and to be able to get the job, Tomlinson had to pass the same rigorous physical testing as any male candidate during a course in Sudbury earlier this year. One of HHSS's top female athletes, she had joined the York track team and had kept up with her daily runs, so while the fitness test was difficult, it wasn't an insurmountable problem. (Nor was the \$650 fee which she had to pay since the job will pay for her next year of university.)

"You have to be able to do the job whether you're male or female. It's just go, go, go. It's an adrenaline rush the whole time."

The lack of separate "facilities" in the north hasn't created



any problems, either. Tomlinson does not try to act like a man, but there are certain times when it's clear she's a woman. Everyone just takes it in their stride, sometimes joking about it, but always respectful.

"I'm on a great crew and I'm treated really well," she says. "You make it fun and you have to be easygoing about it."

And it does take a special kind of person to be easygoing about smoke in their eyes, ash in their pores and a 60-pound deadweight of hoses on their back. Anna Tomlinson thinks it's the best summer job in the world.

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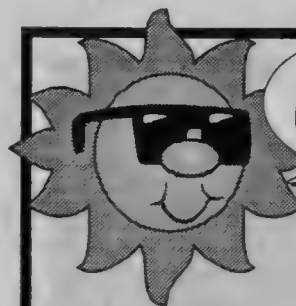
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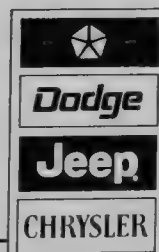
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School decision may be two weeks away

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at last Tuesday's meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education.

The board will have to wait likely for at least two more weeks to find out whether its school construction projects get the go ahead from the provincial Education Improvement Commission.

The EIC confirmed it has received the board's proposals to expand the high school and build a new primarily level school, said Jim Bradley, the board's superintendent of business administration.

However, the commission can't make a ruling on the projects until it appoints the final two members of the group that will review the proposals, he told trustees.

"We're expecting to have not necessarily the approvals, but the results of the review back within the next two to three weeks," he said.

Recently the local committee overseeing the transition to one merged board for Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka reversed an earlier decision and approved the expansion proposals.

That brought the projects one big step closer to reality from

"We're expecting to have not necessarily the approvals, but the results of the review back," says Business Superintendent Jim Bradley of the EIC's progress

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the drawing board. However, because both proposals are far more expensive than spending levels originally approved by the Ministry of Education, the board requires the green light from both the EIC and the Ministry.

The estimated cost of upgrading and expanding the high school is about \$6-million, while the cost of building a new school to replace Victoria Street School is roughly \$2.3-million.

Farm house fate

The board has put a decision on the fate of an old Minden farm house it owns on hold to give two groups time to work out a plan to save it.

The municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden, along with the Minden Museum Committee, want to preserve the former Stevenson farm.

They feel the property, adjacent to the Archie Stouffer

Elementary School, could be an important education facility and historical tourist attraction.

The municipality is also interested in the prospect of a partnership with Trent University, which has said the farm has the potential to serve as a site for collaborative projects between the university and the community.

Last winter trustees decided it would make better economic sense to demolish the run-down building than take on the expense of extensive repairs.

But the board has agreed to give Minden council and the Museum committee until September to determine whether it's feasible for them to save the farm house.

Trustee representation

Sherborne trustee Barrie Martin wondered whether the board could do something now to ensure the county has a stronger say at the board table when the new amalgamated system takes power in January.

Because the number of trustees per county will be decided by population, it's likely only one trustee will represent the interests of Haliburton County.

The size of the new board — referred to as District 15 — hasn't been

decided. But it appears it will likely have nine trustees.

Martin is concerned that a single trustee won't be able to provide adequate representation for the Highlands.

"I'd like to see two, definitely," he said.

Education director Brad Saunders said he shares the same concerns. However, he suggested the board would do better to wait until the make-up of the district board has been finalized before it launches an appeal for better representation.

That could be determined next month by the director of the board with the largest population (Victoria County), plus the clerks of the largest three municipalities in the district board area.

If necessary, Saunders said the board could hold a special meeting in the summer to formulate an appeal.

Merger meetings

People interested in the process behind the creation of the new district board will be able to watch the local committee overseeing the transition in

action.

The committee's meetings, along with meetings of its sub-committees, will be open to the public this summer. Meeting dates will be publicized as they approach.

The next two meetings of the full committee are scheduled for July 15 at 9:15 a.m. at I.E. Weldon School in Lindsay and July 29 at 9:30 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

End is near

Haliburton's school board will be in power for the start of the school year in September, but last week it put a close to the last full school year it will oversee.

Education director Brad Saunders commended the teachers, school support workers, volunteers, board office staff and everyone else who has anything to do with making sure the students receive the best possible education.

"I'm extremely proud of our little board," he said. "... I'm extremely proud of the way our people work together on behalf of the kids."

He also had words of praise for the trustees who have had a particularly difficult year as they prepare for the board to be dismantled in the fall.

Saunders said the trustees handled trying issues with "courage, integrity and honour," while keeping their sense of humour at the same time.

"This new board better be pretty damn good to be equal to Haliburton County."

Home Support has new executive

Haliburton County Home Support Services has appointed its new executive officers, as follows: Bob Mitchell, president; Mary Keats, 1st vice president; Garry Holland, 2nd vice president; Gerald Rome, treasurer; Lourene Scott, Secretary; and Adele Barnes, past president.

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GET INVOLVED:

Help shape the future of Haliburton County by getting involved with the strategic planning process

by **TAMARA WILBEE**
County Office

The summer of '97 will be remembered in Haliburton County for years to come as a turning point in the County's evolution. After much debate, Haliburton County has initiated a planning process this summer to involve its population in a permanent way in initiating and managing change.

The Haliburton County Strategic Planning Committee, a committee of County Council, consisting of Jeanne Anthon, Jock Mavor and Doug Holman, has been formed and a basic approach for the Strategic Plan laid out. A call for proposals for professional facilitation of the public participation and consultation process was put out. On June 18, County Council extended an invitation to Chris Bryant of Econotrends Ltd. To facilitate the process of public consultation and prepare a strategic plan.

The first step will be a public meeting on Thursday, July 24, at the Haliburton Legion Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This meeting aims to get as large a participation rate from both the permanent and seasonal populations as possible. We look forward to seeing, not only representatives of the many organizations and associations in the County, but, also people participating as citizens who want to make a difference.

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to developing what you would like YOUR County to be like in the future, to determine what the key needs, issues and opportunities are, and to what are the key directions you would like to see pursued - initiatives and projects.

This is not another consultation exercise where you have no say in what eventually happens. There will be opportunities to participate further, including a follow-up session in August.

Come and be counted amongst those who made a difference! Become part of the engine of change in the County! Meet some new friends!

There will be more articles in the next three weeks to give some background information on the July 24th meeting including: why participate? How can you make yourself count in the County? Why is the process that Haliburton County is embarking on innovative and different to earlier strategic planning exercises?

What is important is to participate - and you will become part of the hundreds of thousands of people across North America who have been making a difference to their communities through creative planning and action processes.

For further information and to tell us you wish to come along on July 24, please call Tamara Wilbee at the County offices: (705) 286-1333. You're welcome even if you don't call ahead, but a call will help us plan seating and, yes, refreshments are on us!

Integration a crab walk, Home Support told

by **MARIA CALABRESE**
Staff Reporter

Integrating health services isn't a linear step-by-step process, it's more of a crab walk where you scuttle sideways, carefully building relationships and developing processes.

Elizabeth Fulford, president of the Ontario Community Support Association, shared this analogy of a community's transition towards co-ordinating health services during a presentation at the annual general meeting of the Haliburton County Home Support Services on June 17.

She gave the example of how funding cuts are forcing hospitals to send some patients home earlier than they used to, and services such as meals on wheels - which was intended to be used for a limited period of time - is now used on a long-term basis by people with chronic disabilities.

These trends trickle down and have an impact on community agencies, but if the spectrum of available health services from large institutions to community groups review each other's programs, they can start to co-ordinate their services.

"Integrated health care is an idea whose time has come," Fulford said. "The whole idea of those agencies funded by the Ministry of Health is to know

each other."

A central office to deal with integrated health services has to be based locally since what works in Fulford's neck of the woods in Durham, which has six hospitals, wouldn't work in Haliburton County where residents rely heavily on community agencies.

The added strain for these agencies is, unlike their larger counterparts, they don't have a large enough staff or resources to attend all meetings and be represented at all committees. And there's the fear that if smaller agencies are integrated, they'll be taken over.

"We have to understand the culture difference between institutions and communities. In many areas of the province you will see an integrated health system instead of a collapse into one large health centre," Fulford said.

"There is a management practice that if you get too big you can collapse yourself," she added. "The biggest challenge is trying to work through cultures and we can only do that if all services have a role to play."

The goal for any health service is to enhance health and offer a continuum of health services and health related social services, she said. "Start by talking to each other. If you start the process in your community then you become part of the overall process."



Elizabeth Fulford

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Horseshoe Lake rings in a good year

Water quality excellent, board eager, membership healthy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association's general meeting at the Wild Water Preserve on June 21.

President Fran Smith had no problem making her opening address because it was full of good news for the 50 or so people present.

"We're in wonderful shape," she said. "Membership is healthy, the executive is keen and eager to go and the clarity of the lake is exciting."

But with all the provincial restructuring of municipal government, Smith said is was more important than ever to make sure the association is strong and viable. "What we know now as local government will change" and programs such as those offered by the Ministry of Natural Resources have already changed, she said.

Through good, open relations with Anson, Hindon and Minden and a strong commitment to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, the association will endeavour to follow these changes and voice opinions.

"We're in the business to be good neighbours," she said; "we'd just like to have some input."

Zoning changes

Such input is possible thanks to AHM council's commitment to keeping the association informed about events and happenings within the municipality, said past president Vern Gilbert. He noted the association has already received a copy of proposed changes to the zoning by-law with an invitation to attend a public meeting (which was Monday night.)

"This process is vastly different from before and we appreciate it."

Given that there may be a few issues arising from the changing of the zoning by-laws, as well as municipal restructuring, the association voted in favour of re-investing the money it had raised for its Ontario Municipal Board hearing about the golf

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course a few years ago. This money can be used in the future as the need arises.

Reeve's report

"Times are certainly changing — dramatic and sweeping changes," agreed AHM Reeve Jeanne Anthon, who was present along with Deputy-reeve Gerry Rome and Councillor Grant Plooard.

Municipalities have been given more powers, but also new responsibilities, especially in planning matters. No longer can municipalities rely on the expertise of the Ministry of Natural Resources to comment on applications and developments. The documentation has been given to municipal offices, which unfortunately do not have trained staff, such as biologists, on hand. Now the municipality will have to decide if it should do things such as sell off shoreline road allowances or switch to having site plan agreements so the municipality can have more control over what's done on the allowance to protect the environment.

At the same time, there are fewer restrictions on public notification and it will be up to lake associations to monitor what's happening within the municipality.

As an overall result, she said, the changes "require good watchdog principles by all residents."

The MNR is also pulling out of the forest regulation business, forcing the forest industry to become more self-regulating. This has some advantages, since local loggers are now forming associations and working hard to maintain a good public image. Some worry it's a case of putting the fox in charge of the henhouse, though.

Norm Smith commented that the attitude of the provincial government seems to be "hurry up and go slow."

Water quality

Testing of lake water shows it to be in the "excellent" range as far as clarity, reported Eleanor Gilbert. The phosphorous rating is slightly lower in the "good" range.

For those who are sympathetic with Mississauga's problem with too many Canada geese, she noted that geese don't like natural shorelines because the foliage does not allow them to see predators.

CAHMRA report

It's been a quiet year for the Coalition of Anson, Hindon, Minden Ratepayers' Associations, but with a municipal election coming up in November, CAHMRA is getting back into gear, Gilbert reported.

Upcoming events

A busy summer is planned: Family Picnic on July 12, Fishing Derby on August 3, the World Cup kayak races on the August civic weekend (when Horseshoe Lake Road I will be closed to all but local traffic; spectators will be bused to the site); and a wine and cheese part on August 16. The golf tournament needs a new organizer if it's to continue.

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The Minden Women's Institute celebrates its 90th anniversary

Members and guests of Minden Women's Institute had a 90th Anniversary-meeting at the United Church Hall on the afternoon of June 18. President Jean Cox welcomed all and introduced Mary Mac-Master, East District president, who brought us greetings and several jokes. Minden Reeve, Jeanne Anthon, also spoke briefly.

After the usual opening and business, curator Jeanne Sears gave a brief history of this branch and had several early minute books among the display. The pennies for friendship were taken and secretary Mary Cox told of the use made from this fund by ACWW.

MINDEN W.I. News

Jeanne Sears
286-1538

Many cards with greetings and congratulations came from other branches on our special day.

We were then entertained by Shirley Colliss, Lorna Rolland and Jean at the piano and in great costumes. Following this were the antics of Doris Brown who had every one laughing heartily.

The Church Hall was tastefully decorated with streamers and balloons in our blue and gold thanks to husbands willing to help us.

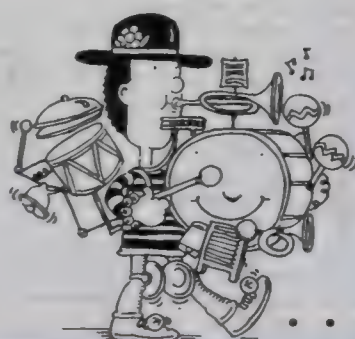
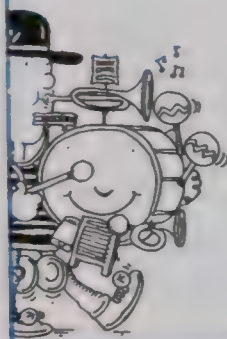
Irene Moore, a Life Member, then lit the blue candle beside our anniversary cake.

The meeting closed with God Save the Queen followed by a buffet of old-fashioned food which might have been served 90 years ago. Sandwiches, cookies, gingerbreads, maple syrup tea biscuits and jam, tea and coffee were served. This was a social time as the ladies sat at the tables enjoying a chat and a visit with others.

The new programs were given out. Members are advised to note the change of time to 1:30 p.m. for the next meeting being at the home of Mary Wilson at this new time Sept. 17.

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Roger Wood has never met a yard sale he didn't like, but he can do more with the "junk" he picks up than anyone could ever imagine. His exhibit, "Interpretations of a A Magpie" is delightful – humorous, imaginative and meticulously executed. Meanwhile, the staff at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts have each submitted a piece of their work for the always-popular Faculty Show, which runs at the same time (June 28 to August 9.) The Rails' End Gallery is open 10 to 5 Monday to Saturday and Noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays



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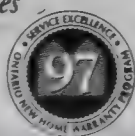
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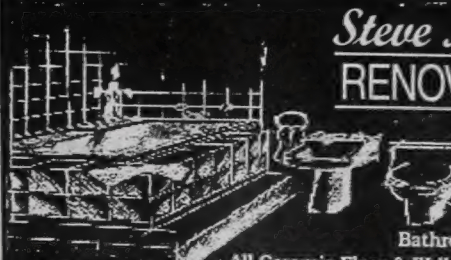
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Guilford grads congratulated for reaching this academic milestone

The spotlight shines on Grade 8 and high school grads

It's happened again. The kids who were born "just a few years ago" are already Grade 8 graduates.

The ones who began school so short a time ago are all of a sudden, it seems, ready to graduate from high school. Once again, Guilford and its environs salute those who have some connection with this community.

From the Grade 8 classes we have: Page Yateman, daughter of Laurel (Duncan) Yateman and Charlie Yateman; Meredith Brown, daughter of Greg and Kim Brown; Liane Dron, daughter of John and Diane Dron; Aaron Martin, son of Pat and Barry Martin; Ryan Urquhart, son of Gary and Mary Urquhart; and Sarah Rowden, daughter

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Eleanor Cooper
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of Debbie and Keith Rowden.

High school graduates include: Marla Brooks, daughter of Tom and Paula Brooks; Dwight Bryant, son of Roger and Doris Bryant; Beth Chumbley, daughter of Leslie and Dave Chumbley; Tasha Moore, daughter of Betty and Neil Moore; Jake Cowling, son of Shirley and Jim Cowling; Katie Rodley, daughter of Harry Rodley and the late Cindy Rodley; Amanda Sisson, daughter of Linda and Shane Sisson; Monique Fluegel

daughter of Jaquie and Reiner Fluegel; Debbie Nash, daughter of Barb and Doug Nash; Sharon Lancia, daughter of Vince and Cathy Lancia; and Karl Mueller of West Guilford.

Congratulations, one and all. We're proud of you!

David Pequegnat recently hosted a dinner party for some of his Pequegnat relatives including his father, Harold Pequegnat and stepson Bill Radke who are from Candle Lake, Saskatchewan, and Tom and Maxine Peguegnat and son Jim of Toronto.

The Anglican parish picnic was held at the Centre on June 22, with nearly 100 in attendance. We had beautiful weather, really good food and fun at the ball game!

Remembering



Julie Moeser

by Diana Ferguson

Julie Moeser died today. It is the first full day of summer, and like Julie, it is a sunny day with the odd puffy white cloud and a few gentle breezes.

Julie Moeser died today — a young woman who loved her home in Texas but who never missed an annual return to Drag Lake and Haliburton. Every summer, first as a baby, then a child, then as a gangly teenager and finally as a grown-up, she would squeeze the time to be in the one constant place of her life.

Julie's favourite times were spent here. She loved fishing with her dad, attending Camp Allsaw with her best friend from Texas, and sitting on their lakeside deck and talking with her mom and any of the load of visitors who came and went during their stays.

Julie never planned to change the world but she did in her own way. Her peers will claim that she had the great gift of friendship. Her relatives will say that she gave them the gift of undemanding love. Her brother and sister will remember her sense of mischief and fun. Yes, Julie changed our world and our world will miss her.

Julia Moeser - March 20, 1970 to June 22, 1997. Suddenly in Austin Texas as a result of melanoma. Beloved daughter of Robert and Heather Moeser (Austin, Texas and Drag Lake, Haliburton); much loved youngest sister of Jeffrey and Jennifer; loved and admired by so many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, friends and a basset hound named Penelope.

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A one-day event is planned for Aug. 9 in Dorset. One of the events is a historical display of pictures and artifacts, on view at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The Township would like anyone to bring in their treasures. You could also be present with your treasures to explain their significance to the public. Lee Payne is organizing this event. Please call her at 766-2232 for information.

The Dorset Lions Club held its 25th anniversary Charter Night on June 14 with an attendance of approximately 130 men and ladies. The guest speaker was Lion Bill Moody, a past director of Lions International.

After some light chatter to get the audience relaxed, Moody reviewed the history of the Dorset club over the past 25 years, recalling many of their outstanding accomplishments and congratulating them on their excellent record.

He emphasized the importance of organ donations, reminding that many lives could be saved if more people signed the

DORSET

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Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

organ donor portion of their driver's licence.

The outstanding food at was prepared by Lion members under the supervision of Lion Eve Adkins who has a talent for preparing gourmet meals.

B r a d Robinson was presented with an award from the club for the continued support of Robinson's Grocery.

H a p p y birthday to **J u n e Johnson**, **R a l p h Raven**, **V i Sampson**, **J u n e Semple**, and **William Bradbury**. We wish them all happiness.

The youngsters are free for the summer now that school is out. For many it will be all fun and games. Lots of swimming, no doubt, will make up for the late start in the swimming season. I'm sure everyone has plans and we

hope the weather cooperates.

Who said the lake water was cold. The top layer is the best, when you drop your feet towards the bottom that is where the ice cubes are.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department is holding its annual "Fire Cracker Night" on June 29 at dusk at about 9:30 at Big Trading Bay.

There is no charge but a boot will be passed around for contributions. The rain date is scheduled for Monday, June 30.

T h e Community Improvement Group is looking for help this summer to maintain flower beds throughout the village. Some of the Dorset

Girl Guides have offered to help by checking to see if the beds need watering or weeding.

The group is hoping to recruit some green thumbs to volunteer their time. If they get enough of these volunteers signed up it will cut down on the amount of time each one would have to spend tending the gardens. The location of the flower beds and the sign-up sheet is the Sherborne et al office. Here is a chance to do

some gardening and do a favour for the community.

We express sympathy to the family of Marion Tyson who passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 19. Funeral services were held at Reynolds Funeral Home Chaplain in Bracebridge on Sunday, June 22. She was married to Angus McKay of Dorset where they raised a family of one daughter and two sons. She is predeceased by her children and their father. She later married Walt Tyson who is also predeceased.

Marion was a gracious, charming lady who was a delight to know. She made many friends during her lifetime, some dating back to her childhood, who mourn her passing and feel privileged to have known her. Condolences to all her family, especially her grand-daughter Linda and her husband who have been Marion's care givers and support for some years.

Sunday, June 22, was a day of celebration for the Glayton family. Irene Jacks enjoyed her 75th birthday and her children got together and planned a dinner party for her at Cedar Narrows Restaurant in Dorset. Phillip, John and Barb, their spouses, grand children and in-laws and a few friends were present. Approximately 25 guests had a great party which Irene thoroughly enjoyed. We wish her the best with many more to come.

Lunch in Italy, dinner in Irondale, snacks in Fenelon

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

Donna Wallace
286-2140

Summer's officially here and it's time for families to enjoy the season. Our individual gardens are coming along beautifully, and the veggies and flowers are looking good.

We welcome Roy Sawyer who is here on vacation.

Recently, Winnie Barnum attended a 50th wedding anniversary of Jean, an acquaintance who plays the piano here when the Salvation Army visits.

Happy Hour in June was much enjoyed with "In Harmony" entertaining us. Bert Bonnell was here the following day providing us with his music where we joined in a "sing-song".

We would like to thank the person who kindly dropped off a big bouquet of flowers at our home Sunday afternoon. They were much enjoyed. Also on Sunday, we enjoyed our ice-cream treat.

On the evening of June 23 "The Scottish Dancers" were here. We thoroughly enjoyed watching their performance, which we found very professional.

The following day some of us enjoyed an Italian lunch. This lunch was prepared by our ladies, under the supervision of three volunteers. And it was delicious! Lasagna, Italian soup and tossed salad with fresh fruit for dessert. Is your mouth watering?

To help us get into the Italian spirit the activities staff contacted Alitalia who very kindly sent us some lovely large posters depicting various scenes in Italy. Our thanks to them. The posters were put up in the small lounge where we enjoyed the lunch.

On Wednesday, a full bus left for Irondale where we lunched at "Georgina's". We all agreed that the food was delicious and we hope to come back again. The trip was made possible thanks to the volunteers who joined us. Two new volunteers, Norma and Ray, also helped out. Thanks to all of you.

In the evening, the "Unicords Male Choir" from the Coboconk/Fenelon area entertained. Afterwards, a light lunch was served by the nursing staff.

Also that day, Bessie Burke, a member of Seniors Club of Haliburton, was invited out to dinner. The dinner was sponsored by the Seniors Club of Wilberforce; Burke invited the club to Haliburton.

Don and Ellen Holden, volunteers at our weekly Happy Hour, have been absent recently. Don has been quite ill lately. But we were glad to hear that he is improving. He and Ellen recently attended a boat cruise with the Seniors Club of Minden. We send our get well wishes.

On June 26, the family of Bessie Burke served at our monthly birthday tea party. A happy birthday to Nina Prentice who celebrates her birthday on July 5th.

Hope to see you at the Flea Market, July 5 and 6.



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Vicars with voices perform at bandshell

Singing the praises of minstrelling ministers

by MIKE WRIGHT

In a demonstration of artistic teamwork, musicians from several churches and various denominations will perform this weekend at the bandshell in Haliburton for the first of two open-air gospel concerts.

The afternoon of gospel music will begin this Saturday, July 5, at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Featured at the first concert will be two groups including Praise Hymn, a gospel band with a range of musical flavours, and Haliburton's own Minstrel Ministers.

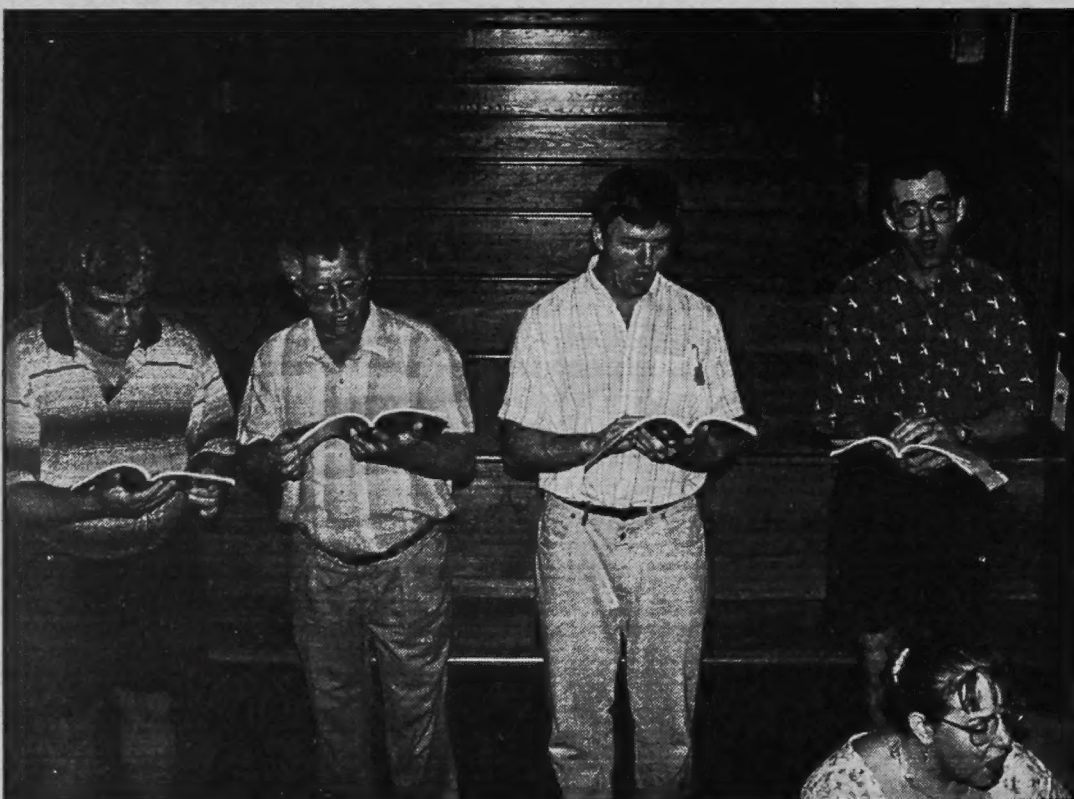
Praise Hymn combines an impressive collection of musical talent and experience with low-key fanfare to produce quality, down-home performances. Haliburton's Minstrel Ministers is comprised of pastors from several local churches who demonstrate Christian unity with their group, who encourage active participation in the Christian community, and who promote the gospel message in song.

Together, these groups will offer an afternoon of gospel music that is sure to be entertaining and enjoyable for the whole family.

Coming later this summer, at the August 9 Open-Air Gospel Concert, will be Sonshine City, one of Canada's best Southern Gospel Quartets.



ANGELIC VOICES: Members of Praise Hymn are, back row from left, Pastor Scott Cross (Fenelon Falls), Pastor Gord Walsh (Haliburton), Mark Tolman (Brampton), Charlene Wrightman (Haliburton), Donna Wright (Haliburton), Vivian Hetherington (Kinmount), Karen Hannisse (Lochlin), Joy Cross (Fenelon Falls), Vicki Cross (Fenelon Falls) and Darco Kenisovic (Maple Lake). Kneeling in front from left are Mike Wright (Haliburton), Mike Burrows (Norland) and Dave Muir (Fenelon Falls).



MUSICAL MINISTERS: The Minstrel Ministers will join Praise Hymn at the open-air gospel concert this weekend at the bandshell on Head Lake. The Minstrel Ministers are, from left, Pastor Brian Plouffe, Pastor Gord Walsh, Rev. Christopher Greaves and Rev. Harold Morgan. They are accompanied by Melissa Stephens on the piano.

Choir will entertain with two nights of music

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News

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My apologies to Zion Choir for reading the wrong date for "A Berry Entertaining Evening". There are two nights of this good music, July 6th and 7th. Get your tickets early at "Four Seasons". The performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

Our sympathies to Fred Toye whose sister Evelyn Stevenson passed away this week and to her family. Burial took place on Wednesday morning at Zion Church Cemetery.

Ron and Neil Russell were at the family home on the weekend. A beautiful floral arrangement was placed at the church in memory of Sinclair Russell.

Helen Skelding has returned from her seventeen-day trip to Western Canada and enjoyed being on the ice fields, which apparently is an awesome sight.

Lloyd and Evelyn Coleman had their daughter home.

Congratulations to all graduates from kindergarten up.

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